



# Summary of Partnering Tools

	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Cooperative Agreement Grant</b>	<b>Space Act Agreement</b>	<b>Patent License</b>	<b>Enhanced Use Lease</b>	<b>CRADA</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Used by NASA to acquire goods, services, or both.	Used by NASA to sponsor activities that relate to a public purpose (generally R&D).	Used by NASA for collaboration, excess capacity, leases, property loans, or any combination.	Used by NASA to transfer specific rights associated with a NASA-owned invention.	Used by Ames Research Center (ARC) and Kennedy Space Center (KSC) to lease under-utilized real property assets.	Rarely used by NASA for cooperative research and development.
<b>Competition Required?</b>	Generally, Yes	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Notable Requirement(s)</b>	- Goods or Services - Mission Need	- Public Purpose - NASA Substantial Involvement (for Cooperative Agreement)	- No Formal - "Requirements" - NASA does have "Guidelines"	- Intellectual Property - Royalty-Based Commercialization	- Real Property	- Federal Lab - R & D
<b>NASA Cash to the Non-NASA Party</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes, but it's very rare.	No	No	No
<b>Process Owner</b>	Office of Procurement	Office of Procurement	Technology Transfer Office	Office of General Counsel*	ARC and KSC	Undefined at this time
<b>Notable Advantage</b>	\$\$\$	\$	Flexibility	Possible Exclusive Rights to an Invention that may be Patentable	In-Kind Consideration for Real Property	Advanced Licensing of Inventions Not Yet Invented
<b>Notable Disadvantage</b>	Standard Regulations and Provisions	Standard Regulations and Provisions (but not nearly as large as the FAR)	Historically, SAAs are contain less rigor vs. a procurement contract.	Royalty Payments as Consideration	Limited to Two NASA Centers	No Cash Contribution Allowed From NASA
<b>Authority</b>	Space Act; 31 USC 6303; 10 USC 2302	Space Act; 31 USC 6304; 31 USC 6305	Space Act	35 USC 207	Space Act; 42 USC 2459j	15 USC 3710a
<b>Regulation</b>	Federal Acquisition Regulations	Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook (14 CFR Part 1260)	No Formal Regulation; NASA has "Guidelines" documented in an SAA Guide	37 CFR Part 404, also referred to as the "Licensing Regulations"	No Formal Regulation	No Formal Regulation